

03 October 2021

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Roads,  
Eversdal  
P.O. Box 351,  
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## SERVICE TIMES

### Bible Study & Sunday School

Bible Study 9.00- 9:45 AM.  
Sunday School 9.00-9:45 AM  
Young Adults 9.00- 9:45 AM.  
Youth 9.00- 9:45 AM.

### Sunday Worship

10.00 - 11.15 AM.  
PM Suspended for time being

Living a new life in Christ

*From the desk of Dereck...*

## God Is Not to Blame for your ill

When something bad happens, our natural tendency is to look for someone to blame. Think about children. When something breaks while the children are playing or someone gets hurt or they get caught doing something wrong, they always seem to look for someone else to blame. *"Billy did it! Shirley made me do it! It wasn't my fault!, The devil made me do it"* That inclination seems to stay with us, unfortunately, into adulthood.

However, too often, as adults, when something bad happens in people's lives, they look to blame God. This happens for a variety of reasons: sometimes the pain is unbearable, sometimes there doesn't seem to be a reasonable explanation for the events, sometimes we listen to what others are saying. Let us take a moment and remember something about our God.

**Everything about our God (read that again: E-V-E-R-Y-T-H-I-N-G about our God) is GOOD.** That is the essence of His very nature. Throughout the Old Testament it is repeatedly stated, *"The LORD is good"* and *"He is good."* David said, *"Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!" (Psa. 34:8).* When the rich young ruler came to Jesus and called Him, *"Good Teacher,"* you remember how Jesus responded. *"Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God" (Matt. 19:16-17).* Jesus affirmed for us that the very nature of God is goodness.

**This is borne out in how God deals with man.** The commandments that the Lord gives for us to observe and to follow are *"for our good always" (Deut. 6:24; cf. 10:12-13).* When it comes to His children, our *"Father who is in heaven"* is ready to *"give good things to those who ask Him" (Matt. 7:11).* For, the reality is, *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (Jas. 1:17).* The special providence of God for His children ensures that *"all things work together for good" (Rom. 8:28).* The very nature of God is goodness!

**So, when bad things happen, let us not blame God, for He is not to blame!** Bad things do happen to good people—just ask Job. They happen because *"time and chance happen to them all" (Ecc. 9:11).* They happen because of choices that we make or choices that others make (Deut. 30:19; Prov. 3:31; 12:26). They happen because of the evil, deceptive, conniving nature of the devil (2 Cor. 11:3; John 8:44; Gen. 3:1-4), who is seeking to *"devour" us (1 Pet. 5:8).* They happen because our world is full of evil people who lie *"under the sway of the wicked one" (1 John 5:19).*

Our God is good always! Let us give thanks for that!

Stay focused on His goodness

Love, Dereck

### CONTACT DETAILS

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**MINISTRY FACILITATORS**

**Worship:** Don Griessel 021 976-2950

**Sunday School:** Charles & Tish 083 779 8556

**Finance:** Bradley Dearham 083 467 0943

**World Bible School:** Desiree Human 060 501 8540

**Prisons:** Stephen Leibbrandt 084 790 7721

**Benevolence:** Johan Gerber 083 233 4726

**Maintenance:** Robert Trevor-Jones 074 653 1463

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

Tuesdays at 10am

Contact: Sue 063 779 9914 or Ali 084 5584 508

**MID WEEK BIBLE STUDY CLASS**

Wednesday 7.00 - 8.00 pm

**SMALL GROUPS**

**Thursday evening group, Bible Study**

Thursday 7.00—8.00pm

Contact: Johan G 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526

**YOUTH FRIDAYS** 18H30—20H00 (alternates)

**Kids for Christ Grade 2 to Grade 7**

Contact: Tish 084 398 8556 or Gaynor 072 111 5220

**YOUTH Grade 8 to Grade 12**

Contact: Johan & Gaynor Pienaar 083 456 0791

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Those who are ill/surgeries:* Dianne Brantford, Ethne Bresler, Lydia Sinclair, Kyle Grunewald, Carmen Visagie, Anzonia Joseph, Joanie Green, Kaiden Jacobs, Isabel James, Anna Esterhuizen, Dorothy Boshoff

*The bereaved:* Our prayers are with all those who have lost loved ones. May the God of comfort be with you.

*The elderly & those in need of prayer:* SA Bible College and especially — our country & leaders & world leaders, the frontline workers, doctors & nurses.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

(Psalm 34:8-10)



**BELLVILLE FOOD BLESSING**

If you would like to contribute to the frozen food ministry for those



*Stay Safe, Stay positive  
Stay connected  
You are loved*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



Sharon Kritzinger	05 Oct

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

No one this week

**TUESDAY LADIES' CLASS**

Taking a one week break for the school holiday.

Back on

Tuesday 12 October

**THURSDAY GROUP**

Teaching: Males

The bible study is on zoom this Thursday

Please contact Johan Gerber for the details 083 233 4726 or Rohann 073 210 5526



**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9am—9:45am**

DATE	03 October	10 October
Age 2 to 4	In hall	In hall
Age 5 to 7	In hall	In hall
Grade 2 - 4	In hall	In hall
Grade 5 - 7	In hall	In hall



**Jar of Hope**

Our project aiming to reach outside the church

Contents required:

- Coffee jar
- 1 cup rice
- 1 cup soup mix
- 1 cup lentils
- 1 unwrapped stock cube
- 1 pkt soup powder

Contact

Lee 072 341 3511 or Alison 084 5584 508



**THIS WEEK 03 October 2021**

AM	PM	DUTY ROSTER
Dereck Beukes		
		<b>SONG LEADER</b>
Laurie Greyvenstein		<b>LORD'S SUPPER</b>
Johan Pienaar		<b>SCRIPTURE &amp; PRAYER</b>
Rohann & Rikki		<b>AM SERVERS</b>
Dereck Beukes		<b>PREACHING</b>
Charles Markotter		<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>
		<b>COMMUNION</b>
		<b>FLOWERS</b>
Charles / Harrison		<b>Sound</b>

**NEXT WEEK 10 October 2021**

AM	PM
Dereck Beukes	
Criston Sloan	
Glen DW Holmes	
Dereck Beukes	
Ian Sinclair	
Jorren	

**FINANCES**

Year-to-date **budget**  
(August 2021) - R832,000  
Year 2021 **actual**  
(August 2021) - R938,051  
Year-to-date **surplus** 😊  
(August 2021) - R106,051  
*God bless you as you excel in your giving - 2 Cor. 8 : 7*



**BANKING DETAILS**

**NEDBANK**  
**ACC Name:** Bellville Church of Christ  
**Cheque Acc. Nr:** 1036015041  
**Branch Code:** 103610